

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a Continuation-in-Part of United States Continuation Application No. 10/373,176 filed February 26, 2003 which is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 10/046,577 filed January 16, 2002, now United States Patent No. 6,543,736, which claims priority from United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/261,205 filed January 16, 2001 entitled Quick Release Supporting Apparatus for a Canister.